

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not in the public interest to air a partisan broadcast for the purpose of swaying the outcome of a national election. As a taxpayer, I expect the FCC to regulate such one-sided use of the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve close scrutiny by the FCC. Thank you.